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Special Care Center Authorizations

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This is a reminder that authorizations issued to Special Care Centers MUST be issued to the center number and NOT to the Medical Director or any other individual Medi-Cal provider number associated with the Center.

SAR's issued to Special Care Centers for Service Groups 02 through 06 will not function as designed when issued to an individual Medi-Cal provider number. Special Care Center SARs issued to individual Medi-Cal provider numbers may cause claims to deny for some providers and are causing confusion in the provider community. If contacted by a Center requesting that a new corrected SAR be issued, Counties should comply with the request.

SAR Forms

Counties are reminded that the SAR form is optional, although we encourage its use by providers, it is not mandatory. Referrals or requests for authorizations must NOT be returned or rejected because they are not on a SAR form.

User Group Presentation

A copy of the User Group presentations that were presented at the 1/19/05 User Group meeting will be posted to the following website:

<http://www.dhs.ca.gov/pcfh/cms/ccs/cmsnet/usergroup.htm>.